

Press Release

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“Safeguarding What is
Important to Harford
County Citizens”

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Statement from County Executive Craig Regarding Earthquake Response

At approximately 2:00pm today, Harford County felt the effects of an earthquake. The epicenter was located approximately 88 miles southwest of the District of Columbia in the Town of Mineral, Virginia. The Office of the US Geological Survey reported the event registered 5.9 on the Richter Scale.

There is a one in ten chance that an aftershock similar in strength could occur by 2pm tomorrow. Citizens are asked to report significant damage resulting from the earthquake to the 911 Center. Significant damage is defined as needing immediate attention to protect life and safety. Individuals should look for anomalies such as cracked foundations or broken glass resulting from this event.

Harford County is in the process of inspecting County owned facilities and bridges. Our Emergency Operations Center will continue to monitor the situation throughout the night and into tomorrow. Thank you.

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